

## **Timeless 741**

### CHAPTER 741 JASMINE LEAVES HERSELF NO RETREAT FOR THE NEW COMPANY.

When Barry was an actor in Jasmine's studio, Jasmine handled all matters related to him and even planned his future. No matter what happened, Jasmine always stepped in to handle it for him. Frankly speaking, Barry didn't like that feeling.

Perhaps if it were other actors, it would be a happy thing for them to having a considerate and competent agent like Jasmine because they didn't have to worry about anything. However, Barry's goal wasn't to be Jasmine's actor.

He had a crush on Jasmine and wanted to get close to her, so he had to first disguise himself as an actor in her studio and naturally didn't like her to protect him.

He wanted to guard Jasmine and give her security, leaving no room for her to be bullied and hurt.

But he never had the right opportunity to do more for Jasmine before.

Now he finally did it. Once he opened a company with Jasmine, he would be able to handle trivial matters for Jasmine and give her silent protection as one of the bosses behind the company.

Barry knew that Jasmine liked to be an agent not manage a company.

Once she had him as her trustworthy partner, she would leave all the non-agent related matters to him, and then many bad things wouldn't reach Jasmine.

Of course, if there was something he couldn't hide, it would be a serious matter.

When Barry heard Jasmine say that the boy team and the actress wanted to join her, he had the idea of opening a company with Jasmine.

He has always seized the opportunity and wouldn't give up any chance to get closer to Jasmine.

So he thought ahead a lot of reasons to convince Jasmine and made comprehensive preparations. He was determined to win this cooperation.

After discussing the new company's name with Jasmine, Barry stood up and said, " Jasmine, in addition to the signed ads and plays, I won't take any tasks from now on and focus on preparing our new company."

Jasmine had to nod in response, "Okay."

Barry had some fame because of the previous immortal drama. Besides, he had a good appearance, temperament, and figure, so two ads and an endorsement came to him, and Jasmine agreed to them for

him. In addition to the three tasks, the future youth school drama and other tasks could only be put off.

Barry turned to go about his work and suddenly remembered something. Then he turned back to Jasmine and said happily, "By the way, I just saw that the freight forwarding company downstairs is moving out. We can rent that place for our new company, so you won't separate from Hathaway."

Barry knew that Jasmine had a good relationship with Hathaway. Because of Jasmine's recommendation, Hathaway opened her studio here, and then Cynthia also planned to set up a studio here for the sake of Hathaway. If Jasmine wanted to expand her studio, there wasn't enough space in the current place, but Jasmine was reluctant to move out of here.

After all, it was a happy and enjoyable thing to work with like-minded friends.

Jasmine exclaimed, "Is the freight forwarding company downstairs moving out?"

It was a well-known freight forwarding company on the floor below them. The company had been working here for many years, why did they suddenly move away?

Barry replied calmly, "It is said that they found a better office place."

But in fact, he spent a lot of money to ask the freight forwarding company to move away just to ensure Jasmine to stay here as Hathaway's neighbor.

Jasmine couldn't work with Hathaway on the same floor but on a different floor, so that was good, wasn't it?

Barry not only spent a lot of money to ask the freight forwarding company to move away but also found a ready-made office for them to move in to avoid delaying their work too much.

Jasmine never thought that Barry had done these things for her, so she believed his words that the freight forwarding company moved away due to finding a better office place and told him in a delightful tone at once, "Hurry up and go to rent that place."

This was a relatively old office building, so each floor space wasn't large. Since she and Barry were going to set up a new company, they naturally needed to have decent office space. Besides, their company would focus on actor management, there must be a special training room for newcomers to practice singing and dancing.

It should also be equipped with an office area, reception room, conference room, and other functional areas, so it wasn't big for then rent the whole floor.

During the operation of her current studio, she earned some money and intends to put it all into the new company. As her partner, Barry would invest some money, so the new company should have enough money in a short time.

Barry nodded and responded, "Okay, I'll go contact right away."

Then he turned away.

Barry had already rented that place and said these words on purpose to Jasmine.

It could be said that he had been preparing the new company and even included the recruitment of employees. Everything was ready before Jasmine nodded in agreement.

After Barry left, Jasmine stayed alone in the office drinking tea and eating snacks to soothe her shock.

Opening a company with Barry was probably the craziest thing she ever did in her life...

Now she decided to put all her savings into it without leaving himself any retreat.

After a snack, she let out a deep sigh and felt courageous to make this crazy decision.

She mocked herself inside and then adjusted her mood to call Jennie.

She wanted to discuss with Jennie about dabbling in variety shows. They met at a coffee shop near Jennie's home considering her convenience. After all, Jennie was a superstar and easy to be photographed on the street.

Jasmine arrived there first, and a short while later, she saw Jennie through the floor-to-ceiling window walking in only with her sunglasses on her face on this hot day.

After sitting down, Jasmine couldn't help but say, "Jennie, you should pay attention to sunscreen today. Which actress is not out wearing a sun hat or shirt, and slathering sunscreen with an umbrella in her hand?"

It didn't matter if Jennie drove here, but she walked from home.

Jennie didn't take it seriously and said, "It is troublesome. I don't like the sticky feeling of sunscreen and will need to wash it off when I get home."

Jasmine continued in a helpless tone, "You can wear sun-proof clothing."

Even she wore a long-sleeved sunscreen shirt. Although she wasn't an actress in the entertainment circle, every woman would pay attention to sunscreen, right? Jennie only wore shorts and a T-shirt, wasn't she exposed to the sun?

Jennie retorted casually, "Do you want me to wear a long-sleeved top and long pants? That's too hot."

Jasmine, "..."

Jasmine gave a frustrated comment, "How did your previous agent get along with you?"

Jennie replied languidly, "He is a man and pays no attention to it. Besides, he probably realized that I wouldn't listen to him, so he didn't bother to interfere with me."

Jasmine sighed, "Okay."

They ordered coffee. Soon after, one waiter brought them coffee and tentatively asked Jennie if she could give her an autograph. Almost all people in the country knew Jennie's face, so she was recognized as soon as she entered the coffee shop.

Without any hesitation, Jennie gave the waiter her autograph, while the waiter didn't expect her to be so easy-going and turned away happily after getting her autograph.

Jennie had always been a cold and difficult image, but in reality, she was easy-going.

They sat in a secluded corner and drank coffee. All of a sudden, Jennie's voice sounded, "I think the variety show is okay."

Before coming here, Jasmine had sent the information about the variety show to Jennie, so Jennie understood its specific content and gave a positive answer now.

Jasmine was surprised and relieved to hear it, but double-checked with Jennie, "Don't you reject it?"

After all, superstars like Jennie hardly participate in variety shows.

They were busy acting in dramas and movies and didn't have time to participate in variety shows. Most importantly, many actresses had idol baggage and would probably destroy their persona if they participate in variety shows.

Jennie smiled easily, "Of course not. It's a good try. As you said, movies and TV dramas don't refresh me anymore."

Now Jennie's interest in the circle had waned. Over the years, she was tired of acting in TV dramas and movies and felt nothing new.

She used to fight desperately in this circle to be worthy of Tam. In other words, Tam was her motivation, otherwise, she might not be able to persevere through those difficulties.

But now that Tam had no possibility of being with her, she was suddenly dispirited.

She had no motivation to do anything nor did she have any expectations or plans for her future. Even

worse, she wanted to quit the entertainment circle. Anyway, she had enough wealth to support a good life for the rest of her life.

When Jasmine mentioned to her about participating in a variety show, she was surprised at first, but then thought it was a good try.

Because Jennie had never set foot in a variety show before, it would refresh her and arouse her interest to end her aimless life.

Moreover, Jennie read the materials of the variety show and found that it was a reality show about several stars going to the countryside to experience idyllic life. She thought it suited her. Because she grew up in a small village, it was easy for her to manage the idyllic life, not to mention that she could cook, do farm work, and so on.

She went to participate in this variety show as a way to relax and reminisce about her childhood, so she agreed to it readily.

CHAPTER 742 JASMINE, LET'S DINE TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP.

Jasmine pondered and said, "This variety show is going to be shot in a village. Aren't you afraid that it will destroy your cold persona?"

Now there were various types of variety shows. Some were about a few actresses to travel, and those actresses could maintain their beauty and exquisite well, but this variety show needed the actresses to go to a village and do farm work there. As a superstar, Jennie did muster up the courage to decide to participate in it.

Although Jasmine knew this, she still chose this variety show for Jennie because Jennie was cold but straightforward and could manage it. Due to the contrast of her personality, Jasmine would be more outstanding not just went to travel with beautiful makeup on her face.

Jennie chuckled, "I don't think I'm aloof and originally come from a small village. In the past years, netizens have been gossiping about my origins. In that case, I might as well show it to everyone in this variety show. I want to tell them that the countryside is beautiful and can raise outstanding people as well. "

Jasmine smiled with relief, "I knew you would agree."

Then she added, "You have a good character. I want more people to know you instead of your aloof persona, so I got this variety show for you. Like other jobs, the most important thing for a star is to make a heart-to-heart presentation. When you show the audience your true side, they will be more favorable to you."

Jennie nodded and said, "Jasmine, I know your good intentions."

She had always said less in front of journalists not because she gave them a deliberate ignorance or was out of her pride. The truth was that she was neither talkative nor good at communication. She was afraid that she would say the wrong thing, so she preferred not to speak.

To her surprise, she gained an aloof persona and didn't bother to explain it, so she was treated as a cold woman as time passed.

Jennie was speechless about it, but she couldn't tell everyone that she was a good person and had to console herself that she didn't need everyone to know her character. As long as her friends understood her.

But now that she had a suitable opportunity to participate in a variety show, she was willing to show her true side.

Jasmine added, "This variety show will probably be shot in October. Autumn is the harvest season with more farming work, so you will have more space to free play."

Immediately, she added, "By the way, please pay attention to sun protection. Otherwise, how can you act in your future plays if your face is sunburned or dark?"

"All right, I know." Jennie knew that the sun was scorching in the countryside, far exceeding the sunlight she encountered walking from home to the coffee shop.

In the end, Jasmine said to Jennie in a solemn tone, "Once the news of your participation in this variety show is released in a few days, your fans will blame us both."

Jennie knew what Jasmine meant. She had always specialized in movies, TV dramas, and singing, but now she suddenly participated in a variety show, her fans would think that it degraded her and launch a protest.

Their initial protest was to accuse Jasmine and some unreasonable fans might turn it on her.

So what?

Jennie looked at Jasmine calmly and joked, "We have been through so much. Are you afraid of this?"

Jasmine glanced at Jennie and shook her head with a smile. "I have nothing to fear but worry that you will be sad. Now I seem to be overly worried. You are in such a good state of mind and don't need me to give you any psychological preparation in advance."

Jennie clinked her coffee cup with Jasmine's and said in a relaxed tone, "Since we aren't afraid of that, let's take it in stride."

Jasmine smiled and picked up her coffee cup in response to Jennie. Yes, Jennie was right.

It was the best of times. A woman could live her life to the fullest.

Then Jasmine told Jennie about her opening a new company with Barry to expand her current studio. It surprised Jennie, "Are you opening a company with Barry?"

Jennie had an impression of Barry and always thought that he wasn't an ordinary man and looked familiar as if she had seen him somewhere.

But Jennie couldn't remember where she had met him. As a superstar, she had met a lot of people at any event and naturally couldn't remember where she had met a man who looked like Barry.

Jasmine nodded and explained, "He told me that he didn't like being a star, and I thought that his reasons were right, so I agreed."

Jennie came back to her senses and solemnly nodded in support of Jasmine's decision. "You are right to sign with the boy team and the emerging actress and expand your studio. It's a rare chance. Since they took the initiative to express to join your studio, you should seize this chance."

Although Jennie had no more contact and cooperation with Jasmine, Jasmine's last quelling of rumors about her and Tam was enough for her to believe in Jasmine's ability.

So she supported Jasmine to expand her studio. This was a realistic society. Able people were always busy and earned more money.

If Jasmine weren't capable, the boy team and the actress wouldn't have been bent on joining her.

After expressing her support for Jasmine, Jennie added, "If you don't have enough money, you can use mine first."

Jasmine was touched by Jennie's generosity. "It isn't on a tight budget now. I have some savings, and Barry will contribute funds as a partner, so the company should be opened smoothly. If we encounter any difficulties later, I will not hesitate to ask you for help."

Jennie chuckled, "Okay."

Jennie knew all about what happened to Jasmine, so she was worried about her lack of funds and offered to assist. It was obvious that Jennie placed a high value on friendship.

But Barry wouldn't allow Jasmine to borrow money from others. After roughly estimating Jasmine's economic situation, he would tell her an amount she could afford as cooperation funds and then took the initiative to fill the rest fund gap.

As soon as Jasmine said goodbye to Jennie, she called the boy team and the actress to tell them that she

was willing to sign with them when their contract with the original company expired.

The boy team and the actress were happy. Jasmine heard their excitement on the other end of the phone, and even they probably jumped up.

Their excitement weighed on Jasmine. They trusted her so much, so she should give them a better future.

After walking out of the coffee shop, Jasmine went back to her studio and worked until nightfall.

Because of today's major decision, Jasmine needed to plan her and the company's future work plan. With Jennie, the boy team, and the emerging actress in her company, she would have more and harder work to do.

At this stage, Ashley was steadily accumulating her fame and had two dramas to be broadcast. One was a modern urban drama in which she played a vicious supporting role, and another was an ancient drama. This drama originally had Vanna as the female lead, but Tam made it have two female leads. Then the role of the princess's principal concubine was Ashley's by accident.

Jasmine was satisfied with the revised script. It was obvious that Vanna was indirectly banned because she offended Tam. The final winner in the revised script was the princess's principal concubine with a good image. With her years of experience, Jasmine could predict that the drama would be a big hit after the broadcast.

It would bring big fame to Ashley and put her on the A-list.

Undoubtedly, Jasmine would be busy but had a sense of accomplishment.

Jasmine stayed in her studio until the evening lights were lit. If Barry hadn't called her, she wouldn't have realized that it was so late.

On the other end of the phone, Barry asked her, "Jasmine, haven't you come back yet?"

When it came to this point, Jasmine was upset because Barry suddenly moved to her opposite door some time ago and became her neighbor.

This was why Barry knew she hadn't gone back yet. Just now, he should have gone to her house and knocked on the door.

Jasmine knew of Barry's feelings for her, but she had been ignoring it on purpose.

In her opinion, she was four years older than Barry and had been through a divorce...

In other words, she thought that Barry deserved a better girl.



Jasmine fell into silence, while Barry continued, "I cooked a few dishes. When you come back, we'll have dinner together to celebrate our upcoming partnership."

Jasmine thought that Barry's proposal was good. Today they decided to open a new company together and should celebrate it.

To be honest, it was more suitable for a woman to arrange for this celebration, but Barry did it now because she was busy with her work and neglected time.

Barry's thoughtfulness and carefulness even put her to shame as a woman.

Jasmine answered softly, "Okay, I'll go back soon."

After hanging up the phone, Jasmine put her computer and some documents into her bag and then left her studio. She planned to continue working after dinner.

Since she divorced Caleb, this was the state of her daily life. In addition to eating and sleeping, she worked all the time in her studio or at home.

What else could she do now if she didn't work?

Hathaway and Jessica's studio hadn't been opened since it was renovated, but they had given birth to children one after another during this time. Jasmine guessed that they would return to work in a time. After all, the two women were unable to remain idle.

CHAPTER 743 MY MOTHER AGREES TO OUR BEING TOGETHER.

As for Cynthia's studio, it had long been renovated but hadn't opened just to wait for a good opening date.

It was said that Carl paid a master to calculate the opening time for Cynthia to bless her with a prosperous career and a healthy body.

Cynthia adopted Carl's opening date in consideration of his good intentions.

If Jasmine remembered correctly, the opening date of Cynthia's studio should be next Sunday, and a lively scene would certainly appear.

Jasmine was envious of Carl and Cynthia's relationship. Especially after experiencing betrayal and abandonment, she was more envious of their loyal and deep love at this old age.

Who wouldn't envy it?

Jasmine lived in the community behind her studio, but it took her more than twenty minutes to get

home because she thought as she walked slowly.

She stood in front of her door and was about to take out the key when Barry's door was pulled open. Then he poked out in a casual home dress and called out to her, "Jasmine, I'm ready for the celebration meal. Change your clothes and come over, or the food will get cold."

Jasmine was stunned by Barry's bright smile, looked away, and then nodded, "Okay."

Since Barry moved here, he often cooked at home and invited her to have dinner together, but Jasmine refused almost every time.

How ambiguous it was for a man and a woman to have a dinner prepared by the man in a house!

Because she thought from the beginning that she couldn't be with Barry, she didn't leave any chance to play ambiguous or Barry.

Jasmine straightforwardly cut off Barry's intentions to her. It was the lightest way to hurt him.

Today Barry told her that he was the only son of a wealthy family. Even if he loved her with all his heart, would his family agree to it? Could his mother allow him to be with a woman who was four years older than him and had been through a divorce?

Without even thinking about it, Jasmine knew that his mother wouldn't agree.

So what was the point of his continuing to cling to her?

After returning home, Jasmine changed her casual clothes and went to Barry's house.

During tonight's meal, Jasmine intended to have an open talk with Barry to draw a demarcation line for their relationship. In the future, they were only simply partners, and he shouldn't waste his time pursuing her. There were many young, beautiful, and unmarried girls waiting for him to pursue.

Barry cooked four dishes and one soup with a balanced portion of vegetables and meat. They looked delicious and gave off an inviting smell.

On the side, Barry poured red wine into the decanter in advance with a tempting burnish.

Jasmine knew that Barry was a good cooker. Although she had all refused his dinner invitations before, he sent her food sometimes, and then they ate separately at home. In a short, Jasmine had tasted his cooking.

Barry knew that she was too busy to cook. Even if she returned home, she ate some casually and then started working. Hence, he forcibly shared some food with her.

If she refused it, he kept knocking at her door until Jasmine compromised.

After washing their hands and sitting down at the dining table, they looked at each other face to face.

Barry poured wine for Jasmine and himself and proposed a toast, "Jasmine, I wish our company will grow rapidly and prosperously in the future."

Jasmine clinked her glass with him and responded, "Good."

She wasn't good at saying nice things and got used to expressing her feelings through actions. Since she chose to open a company with him, she would do her best.

After a sip of wine, they began to eat the food with chopsticks, and Jasmine asked Barry casually, "How's the office going?"

Barry replied in high spirits, "It's smooth. I have rented that place and contacted the decoration company to prepare a design. When they send me the design, I will show it to you and discuss the specific details together."

Barry was happy because he would have more opportunities to get along with Jasmine alone after opening a company with her.

For example, they would have to discuss and propose changes to the decoration renderings together.

There were many plans for the company in other areas. At the thought of having more opportunities to be alone with Jasmine, Barry's eyes lit up.

Jasmine was puzzled to look at his smile and thought that he might be excited about starting a new company. Barry was young, but he was a man. After all, men always had an inexplicable pursuit and sense of achievement in their careers.

The two discussed the specific recruitment of a few employees, what aspects of the recruitment of people and so on these things.

They were discussing while eating.

When they finished talking, a bottle of red wine had almost reached the bottom, Jasmine could drink, after all, she had worked for so many years and was in the circle of artists, socializing made her capacity for liquor great.

So the two of them drank a bottle of red wine, Jasmine just a little drunk, Barry still looked normal.

When Jasmine bowed her head and drank the soup, Barry looked at her, got up, and went to the wine cabinet to get another bottle of red wine and reopened it.

"I'm not drinking anymore, if I drink more, I'll have more." Jasmine had always been a person of restraint, so refused to drink any more in due course.

Barry, on the other hand, took out a lost look to persuade her: "sister, I am really too happy today, you just accompany me to drink some more, anyway, your home is just opposite side, you don't have to be afraid you can't go back."

Barry knew that Jasmine was a drinker, but his purpose tonight was to get Jasmine drunk.

It's said that truth is at the bottom of the decanter. Barry wanted her to get drunk then he could hear what she thought of him and whether she really had no feelings for him at all.

The problem is not that she's too drunk to go home, but that it's not appropriate to get drunk when they're alone together at night.

But looking at the boy's incomparable look of expectation and full of excitement with no way to vent it, she finally answered, "Okay."

The young boy from today is equal to enter the process of entrepreneurship, excitement is understandable.

So Barry poured another glass of wine for Jasmine and poured it for himself.

Barry held the glass of wine and said to Jasmine with true feelings, "Sister, I tell you, I am now all set on the company, I feel it is as precious as our child, don't worry, I will run it properly, do a good job behind the scenes, and will not hold you back."

Jasmine, "..."

She wanted to say how Barry's words sounded awkward, what do you mean like their children?

The word "child" is too inappropriate for the two of them, right?

But then you have to admit, in fact, the word is very appropriate.

In her case, she invested all her money and energy in the new company, the importance was indeed equivalent to the importance of a child to parents.

So, Barry's words are also sincere.

The company's main goal is to provide the best possible service to its customers.

In fact, Barry is deliberately saying this, is playing ambiguity with her, she still naively will Barry think

very good and pure, in fact, people have already secretly transformed into wolves.

The two talked for a while, Jasmine suddenly felt a little dizzy, glanced at the bottle of wine next to him, only to find that the newly opened bottle of red wine was about to be finished.

Jasmine immediately put down the glass in her hand, raised her hand and rubbed her forehead, and said to Barry, "I can't drink any more, if I drink any more I will get drunk."

In fact, she was already drunk now, but she was still holding on with her last shred of sanity.

The opposite side of Barry narrowed his eyes slightly and saw that her state was already drunk, so he did not continue to force her to drink any more, and if he drank any more his body would be unbearable, and he could not let go.

So he also put down his glass, pretending to be surprised, and said, "This bottle is even going to be empty? Indeed, I can't drink anymore."

He said as if he himself was innocent, and Jasmine looked at him with confused eyes.

The first thing you need to do is to get a good idea of what you are getting into.

The company's main business is to provide a wide range of products and services to its customers.

A trace of hurt crossed the bottom of Barry's eyes, and after calming his emotions, he asked her again without moving, "Can you tell us what is not suitable between us?"

Jasmine smiled mockingly, "We are not suitable anywhere."

Barry pursed his lips.

Jasmine stretched out his white fingers to knock on the table, warning Barry with his voice, "Other than that, let's say your parents, do you think they can agree with you to find a woman like me?"

Even if the two of them can be together with no hard feelings, they may not be able to face the storms and pressures from the outside world, especially from his family.

Jasmine thought Barry would know the difficulty and retreat, but the result is that he is hooked lips at her smile, "My father died a long time ago, in addition, I can tell you with certainty, my mother is not against me being with you, she supports us."

Jasmine, "..."

For a moment she thought she was drunk and had misheard.

He said his mother was not against him getting a divorced woman like her? And was very much in favor of it?

Barry held her hands while Jasmine hurried to withdraw.

He said seriously: "My mom doesn't care if you are older than me, and she doesn't care if you have been divorced. She says as long as I like you, she agrees."

Jasmine felt even dizzier and wanted to pass out just like that.

#### CHAPTER 744 KISS

Barry had been talking to Rosetta about Jasmine long ago. Although he was young, he was extremely mature, probably because of the surroundings in which he grew up.

He was sent to boarding school by Rosetta at an early age and learned early not to depend on anyone and to make up his own mind. He also could gain an insight into lots of things at a young age.

So he told Rosetta as soon as he was sure that Jasmine was the only woman he was into.

And Rosetta gave him her full trust and support. Rosetta listened to him carefully and said to him with a smile, "I don't care if she's four years older than you. Even if she's fourteen years older than you, has divorced, and has kids, I'll be okay with it as long as you're into her."

Barry, "..."

Shouldn't he be grateful that his mother was so evolved about it and accommodating?

Rosetta added, "I'm okay with it because I believe in my son and I believe that the woman you're in love with is good and outstanding. I just heard everything you've said about that girl, who is truly wonderful, and I admire people who are independent, self-sufficient, and resilient in the face of adversity."

Although Rosetta had never met Jasmine, she could hear from Barry what kind of person Jasmine was.

Rosetta herself grew up in adversity and naturally appreciated resilient women, so she was pleased with Jasmine.

Rosetta was worried about Barry dating a girl who was spoiled, petulant, and mincing, but what hadn't she been through all these years? Even if Barry was into a girl like that, she was fine with it.

But now, thankfully, she appreciated the woman Barry took a fancy to. Rosetta couldn't help but look forward to Barry taking her home.

But thinking that Jasmine didn't like Barry at all and that Barry hadn't told her about his own family background, Rosetta felt it was long before her expectation was met.

So she lifted her hand and patted Barry on the shoulder, "Good luck."

Barry sighed and thought to himself that there was a long way to go.

He said that to Jasmine now because Rosetta was really in favor of his pursuit of Jasmine. But it was obvious that Jasmine was intimidated and thought he might just be saying something nice to fool her.

Barry loosened his grip on her hand, smiled innocently, and said, "You don't believe my mom's really okay with us being together, do you?"

Jasmine nodded solemnly and then asked him, "Are you sure you told your mother the fact about me, which is that I'm older than you and divorced?"

Some open-minded parents might not mind if the woman was a few years older than their sons. But Jasmine thought it was hard for a mother to get over the fact that her son's girlfriend was divorced. So she suspected Barry was hiding what was actually about her.

Barry was laughing at what she said, "I told my mother about you, and of course I didn't hold anything back."

Barry was trying to tell her that he was determined to be with her. He was going to spend the rest of his life with her, not just go out with her or play with her feelings, so he must not hide anything from Rosetta.

Even if he could hide it from his mother temporarily, he couldn't conceal it for a lifetime, right?

Instead of feeling embarrassed at being exposed for withholding the truth, it was better for him to confess.

Seeing that Jasmine was still very unbelieving, Barry said slowly, "Or you can go with me to meet my mother and see what she thinks of you."

Jasmine almost opened her mouth to agree with him. Luckily, she was smart enough to retain a shred of sanity even when she was in a daze.

She was almost trapped by Barry. If she really said yes, she would be going with him to meet his mother. Barry was simply cunning...

Jasmine raised her hand and squeezed her forehead hard. She had always known Barry as a decent, innocent man, but she felt like he was a different person now.

Instead of continuing this topic with Barry, she propped herself up on the table with the intention of getting up and leaving to go back to sleep in her house across the street.

However, because she had drunk too much, she stumbled and almost fell when she got up, and Barry came over to help her. As a result, she just fell into Barry's arms.

At that moment, Jasmine realized that it was inappropriate for them to be intimate like this, so she struggled to distance herself from him. But Barry put his hands around her waist and wouldn't let go of her. Jasmine was angry and annoyed, but there was nothing she could do about it.

Even if she was not drunk, her strength was no match for Barry's, let alone that she was dizzy and limp from the drunkenness.

Barry held her in his strong arms tightly and looked at her with downcast eyes as he continued to press her, "I know you've always felt that you're not right for me because you're a few years older than me and you're divorced. I don't care about it, and I've told you that my mom doesn't mind it. Why don't you bare your soul to me?"

Jasmine was speechless at Barry's words, and Barry looked at her with hurt and loss in his eyes.

Jasmine put her hands against his chest and looked away. She was embarrassed as she said, "I have no feelings for you."

Barry's voice was low and dull as he asked back, "Really?"

Jasmine still looked away and said, "Yeah."

Barry replied to her firmly, "I don't believe you."

"Whatever." Jasmine didn't want to talk about it anymore. She just wanted to go home and sleep.

Barry still wouldn't let go of her, but suggested instead, "Let's test it out and see if you have feelings for me or not."

Jasmine finally looked up at him, but she was puzzled, "How? Um..."

As soon as she finished, Barry responded to her with his action. He actually leaned over and kissed her.

Jasmine's mind went blank for a moment as if she lost the power of thought completely. She just let him kiss her and indulged in it.

First of all, she did not expect Barry to kiss her passionately, and secondly, she did not expect... the kiss to be so wonderful...

Jasmine was definitely not a girl who hadn't been kissed, but she blushed, had trouble breathing, became so weak that she passed out in Barry's arms.



Of course, her fainting was partly because she drank too much.

Barry's breathing was quick and uneven as he held the limp woman in his arms, taking several deep breaths to suppress all his lusts.

He kissed her today while she was drunk. He was bold.

He couldn't continue though he wanted to, otherwise, they might not even be friends anymore when she woke up tomorrow.

Most importantly, Barry didn't want to make love with Jasmine when she was drunk like this. He wanted her to be willing to give herself to him sexually when she was sober. What he wanted was not her body at this moment but her heart forever.

By the time he won her heart, he wouldn't have to worry about not being able to make out with her.

But Barry did not send her back next door but carried her back to his bedroom.

He was going to deny that they kissed since she was so drunk anyway.

Jasmine would never be embarrassed to ask him if they kissed yesterday or not.

It was not that he didn't admit it on purpose, but he didn't dare to admit it now.

They just intended to start a company together. If he directly admitted that he kissed her, their future would be worrying.

The next morning, Jasmine woke up in a daze and thought she was in her own bed. She rolled over and was about to go back to sleep.

But after rolling over, she couldn't calm down anymore because she found that the bed in her arms was different in color when she buried her head under the covers.

Her bedding at home was pale pink, but what she saw now was masculine navy blue.

She froze for a moment and then realized what was going on and sat up from the bed with a jolt. The first thing she did was to look down at her clothes.

Luckily, they were intact and she didn't feel uncomfortable, which suggested that she didn't have sex with Barry. Otherwise, Jasmine would be too embarrassed to face Barry.

Jasmine felt that if she did sleep with Barry, she would be the one who took advantage. After all, Barry was good-looking, fit, young, and from a great family...

Jasmine shook her head so hard that she broke off her random thoughts and held her forehead to recall what happened last night.

Last night she was drunk, and then she was about to leave but almost fell down when Barry helped her. Then... Barry kissed her, right?

Jasmine couldn't remember much about this.

She vaguely remembered that Barry kissed her after asking her a bunch of questions, but she always felt as if it were only her imagination.

So did she kiss him or not?

Jasmine had a headache.

If she hadn't kissed him and it was just her fantasy, then she could face Barry as if nothing had happened. And she just drank too much and stayed over at his place last night.

But if they had really kissed...

Jasmine felt like she might be ashamed.

She was so torn, but she couldn't recall whether she had kissed him last night or not. So she sat on her bed with a glum look on her face and sighed.

This was due to drinking. If she didn't drink with Barry last night, she wouldn't have to be worried about this now.

At that moment there was a tap on the door and Barry's bright, merry voice sounded outside, "Jasmine, are you up?"

In fact, Barry slept here last night. He did not miss the opportunity to share a bed with her.

But he got up early and smoothed out all traces of his own presence. He was then light-hearted, went out for a run and a workout before making breakfast. He deliberately pretended not to have been in this bedroom and tapped at the door gently outside.

CHAPTER 745 WHY HAVE YOU BEEN AVOIDING ME

Barry was going to renege on everything he did last night, not to mention sleeping with Jasmine.

And Jasmine, who was startled by his knocking, was embarrassed as well as flustered.

But she then calmed down again. She would just pretend that nothing had happened and see what

Barry thought of it since she couldn't remember whether she had kissed him or not.

If Barry didn't mention it, it meant nothing happened.

After taking a deep breath, she answered, "I'm up."

She fixed her hair and straightened her clothes, got up, and walked over to open the door.

Barry outside the door seemed to have just finished showering. Jasmine smelled the fresh shower gel and saw his firm pecs under his white T-shirt as soon as she opened the door, and she blushed before she hurriedly looked away.

Barry was pleased with her blushing. He did it on purpose. After running out and making breakfast, he went to the bathroom and took a shower, and cleaned himself up before he knocked on her door.

He deliberately wore an outfit that highlighted his muscles to seduce her with his manhood.

Barry was very confident of his figure. After all, he was a model and he also worked hard on his fitness. So his figure was naturally perfect.

He didn't believe that she could really keep her composure in the face of his young and strong physique.

Once he overheard Jasmine talking to Hathaway, Ashley, and Jessica about men's physiques. Of course, Hathaway was always the first to bring up such topics.

When Hathaway and Jessica were chatting in Jasmine's office, he made tea for them and then silently left the reception room. But because Jasmine's studio was small, he could still faintly hear the voices of the women laughing and joking inside.

Hathaway had always been uninhibited and the conversation covered a wide range of subjects. Hathaway and Jessica were pregnant at the time and had not yet given birth. Hathaway seemed to be asking them which one they would choose if they were both courted by a handsome, poor young man and a fat, rich middle-aged man.

Jessica, who was as unreserved as Hathaway, was the first to say, "Of course, I choose a young, well-built poor man. Just the thought of being touched by one of those slovenly dressed, sophisticated, balding men would make me vomit. I wouldn't pick them even though they were rich. I don't know why some young girls would go out with old men just for money."

Hathaway shrugged and teased Jessica, "Come on, you've been in a relationship with Albert since you came of age. You've been pampered. You don't know what it's like to have no money."

Jessica agreed with Hathaway, smiling and boasting cheekily, "I'm lucky. Although I met a rich old man, he is not bald, not slovenly dressed, or sophisticated, he is handsome and has a nice figure..."

Jessica felt lucky and laughed. She was really lucky. She hadn't suffered much before she was in a relationship with Albert.

"Are you sure Albert is a rich 'old' man?" Hathaway aggravated the word 'old', squinting her eyes as if to warn Jessica.

"He's over thirty. Do you want me to lie that he's a good-looking young man?" Jessica felt goosebumps when she thought of this word to describe Albert.

Hathaway nodded seriously, thought about her husband Leon, and finally agreed with Jessica, "Yes, it's true that they shouldn't be regarded as fresh-faced at their age. A fresh-faced hunk should be like Barry."

Speaking of Barry, Hathaway naturally looked at Jasmine and smilingly asked her, "Jasmine, which one would you choose?"

Everyone thought Jasmine wouldn't answer this kind of question, or that she needed to think about it. But she answered without thinking, "The fresh-faced one, of course."

As they looked on expectantly, she explained, "After all, I'm going to be thirty. My sexual needs are in full bloom. And I'm afraid old men will be bad in bed."

Hathaway and Jessica burst out laughing at Jasmine's dirty talk, and even Ashley laughed too. Of course, they were laughing not because Jasmine said dirty words, but they didn't expect Jasmine to be so humorous given that she looked mature and dignified.

They were laughing so hard that Barry outside blushed.

He did not expect Jasmine to say that. His mind was blown. The women were fine with the topic but he blushed with shyness.

However, the conversation let him know more about the real Jasmine, as well as gave him a lot of confidence. After all, she said she was afraid that old men could not stand the enthusiasm of women who were over thirty. Therefore, such energetic and fresh-faced hunks like him naturally had more opportunities.

So Barry deliberately dressed like this to make himself full of hormones.

However, he still looked as if nothing happened, "I made breakfast for you. You can eat after washing up."

Jasmine looked back at Barry, stared at Barry's handsome face for a moment, then smiled and said, "I have no appetite. Thanks."

"I'm going back," Jasmine said and rushed around him towards the door. After putting on her shoes, she turned back to Barry and said casually, "Oh, by the way, thank you for taking me in last night."

Then she left speedily. Barry heard the sound of the door closing from across the room and chuckled.

Barry went to the table, picked up a serving of the breakfast he had just made, and sent it to the opposite room.

Barry did not have to keep Jasmine to eat breakfast with him. It was clear that Jasmine was in a very messy mood and needed to hurry back to calm down.

He also guessed Jasmine's mind thoroughly. She really did not have the courage to ask him whether he took the opportunity to kiss her last night or not, but observed him for long to make sure he did not behave differently before she was relieved.

He was at least an actor, so he could act as if nothing had happened.

The first thing Jasmine did when she got home was to rush into the kitchen, pour herself a glass of water, and drink it down. She was in a daze in the bright kitchen to calm herself down.

She observed Barry just now and found he was very calm and natural. It seemed that the kiss last night was her illusion when she got drunk.

She actually fantasized that Barry kissed her?

Was she so horny?

She was upset when there was a knock on the door. Jasmine glanced in the direction of the door and thought it was Barry who had come to bring her breakfast. She wondered how could she read his mind so well.

She went over and opened the door, and there was Barry with a bowl of porridge, bread, and fried eggs.

Jasmine didn't refuse but took it before Barry could say anything, and then said to him politely, "Thank you."

Barry didn't say anything, handed her the tray, and watched her close the door in a bit of a hurry before he went back to his house. They got along like an old married couple.

Barry went home to watch the news and eat breakfast at the dining room table but he was a bit distracted, thinking about Jasmine's soft waist last night...

They shared a bed last night, during which Jasmine kicked the covers off her body probably because she

felt hot due to her drunkenness. Her loose home wear rolled up as she turned over, and he caught a glimpse of her slender waist.

He couldn't help touching it, and then... held her waist all night.

Her waist was so soft, thin, and smooth that he was still thinking about it after he had calmed down.

Because he was into her, so he felt that everything about her was beautiful and that her every movement could attract him.

Barry was distracted when he was eating. Jasmine was no better and became restless during breakfast.

After eating, Jasmine packed up and hurried out with her handbag.

She urgently needed to go to the studio and throw herself into the busy work to get rid of her chaotic emotions.

As soon as she went out, she saw Barry, who was just leaving the house. Barry was dressed in an extremely formal black suit and the fitted silhouette set off his wide shoulders and long legs, making him look a bit more mature and steady.

Jasmine was a bit dispirited. She left in such a hurry just to avoid meeting with Barry.

What she didn't know was that Barry had already dressed up and had been waiting for her at the door of her house. Once he heard her open the door, he opened it first and pretended to meet her by chance.

Jasmine glanced at Barry and went downstairs without saying anything.

Barry followed her and reported, "I'm going to the office today to take care of the business of the new company."

That was why he was dressed formally. Jasmine nodded, "Well, take care."

Then she stopped talking, trying to avoid him.

Even if they didn't kiss last night, it was embarrassing for Jasmine to sleep in Barry's house all night.

Barry slyly protested, "Hey, Jasmine, why do you keep avoiding me?"

Before Jasmine could say anything, Barry added, "Didn't you just sleep at my house all night?"

As soon as Barry finished, someone who happened to be coming down the stairs passed by them. The stranger gave them a sly look after hearing Barry's words, then went downstairs, and seemed to know what it was about.

After the man walked away, Jasmine stopped in her tracks and stared at Barry in annoyance. She was really...

She found it hard to clear herself.

How dare he bring up the sleepovers? If he hadn't insisted on persuading her to drink, how could she have gotten drunk, have spent the night at his house, and they have been awkward?

#### CHAPTER 746 HE GAINS THE ADVANTAGE

Barry was innocent. He didn't expect someone to pass by.

Although his word "sleepover" didn't mean that way, the passers-by didn't think so.

Barry apologized at once, "Jasmine, I was wrong. I'm sorry."

He made a sincere apology, but inwardly he was happy. He felt strangely sweet to hear that they were having an affair.

That was how a man who was in love tried to make everything and everyone around him relate to her when he especially expected that there was very real chemistry between them.

Jasmine somehow always felt that Barry... was no longer the same man she knew anymore.

Barry was her schoolmate, and she regarded him as a simple, sunny boy. But she felt he was more complex now.

After staring at Barry for a while, Jasmine didn't say anything and turned around and went back downstairs.

Barry apprehensively followed her, "Jasmine, I'm really sorry. Don't be angry. It's all my fault that I shoot from the hip."

Because Jasmine just didn't say anything, Barry was afraid that Jasmine would really get angry and ignore him. So he followed her in a panic and apologized.

Jasmine was helpless, "I'm not angry."

She was not the sort of person to get angry for nothing and neither was she a petulant woman who always lost her temper. There was nothing wrong with what he just said, but someone happened to be walking by.

She didn't say anything because she didn't know what to say and there was nothing she could do about

Barry.

Barry was relieved by her words and then hurriedly assured, "I'm glad you're not angry. I'll be careful where I speak from now on."

He was very sincere in repentance, so Jasmine couldn't be cross with him. She just replied and it was over.

They went out of the flat. Jasmine looked at Barry and said, "You don't have a car. I'll take you to the office before I go to the studio."

Jasmine had never seen Barry have his own car since she met him. Then Barry went to work for Hathaway and naturally, he drove Hathaway's car. Later he worked in her studio. Jasmine had not heard him talk about buying a car to get around, but instead, he always took the subway and bus, and sometimes he took a cab. Therefore, Jasmine came up with this idea.

He was going to deal with something about the company they ran together, and she should give him a hand.

As soon as she finished, Barry smiled brightly and pointed to a black and understated Mercedes parked next to her car and explained, "My mom bought me a car when she heard I was going to start a company, saying that since I should look like a boss."

Jasmine was surprised when she took a look at the Mercedes. If she was right, it should be the latest model of Mercedes. It was expensive.

She took a look at her own inconspicuous Volkswagen and was hesitant, "You-"

Barry said he was from a noble family, so she wanted to ask Barry what he thought men born with a silver spoon were like. Was it like that he could easily buy the latest Mercedes Benz? And he took buying the car lightly as if he bought a beverage.

Jasmine thought her understanding of Barry's family background might be a bit off. She finally stifled the question. After all, it was extremely impolite to ask about his family's social standing and wealth.

So she smiled, "The car is cool. It suits you."

Then she added, "Since you have a car, I won't give you a lift."

Jasmine turned around and unlocked her car, got in, and drove away.

Back at the studio, the first thing Jasmine did was transfer the cost of starting a company together to Barry.



Last night when they had dinner, they discussed and decided to invest 1 million to register a new company, so she and Barry each put up half a million.

Half a million was within her means, and she could not afford more.

She was surprised by Barry's car and just remembered that she should give her share of the money to Barry.

After dealing with this matter, Jasmine called the director of the youth drama that Barry had auditioned for before. Barry was not going to continue to participate in the later round of auditions, so Jasmine had to say sorry to the director. Although it was Barry himself who withdrew, the industry was full of connections that needed to be managed.

The director was surprised and sorry to hear that Barry was quitting, "Quitting? We are planning to see his performance in the second round of auditions and then discuss whether to let him play the first male role!"

Jasmine was stunned to hear that Barry might really be the first male and felt some regret.

It was impossible for an artist of Barry's age to be a leading man. And the teen idol show was so popular right now. If Barry played the male lead, he would definitely be popular.

The director also advised her, "Jasmine, you've been in the industry for so long, so of course, you should know how hard it is to be a male lead, right? What exactly is Barry quitting to do? What could be more important than his career? What job could make money faster than being a leading role?"

Jasmine pursed her lips. She didn't tell him that Barry was quitting the business to start a company with her. It was still in the air. The director must laugh at her if she told him the truth.

The director made a lot of sense, and Jasmine didn't think Barry would play the lead. She thought Barry might not be able to make a profit soon if he started a business with her. And if he did the drama, it would be very profitable, and Barry would make a sum of money.

Jasmine, out of consideration for Barry's future earnings and prospects, finally said, "Thank you for your kindness, I'll talk to him about the pros and cons."

After hanging up, Jasmine called Barry, who laughed softly on the other end after hearing her words, "Jasmine, since I've made the decision to step back and run the company, I won't be distracted by anything else. I don't care whether it pays off in a short time or not."

In fact, Barry was trying to say that he did not care about the salary of being the male lead in the idol drama. As the heir of Rose Group, he did not need that money, and money was not important at all compared to his marriage.

Jasmine was actually quite sad that Barry missed out on the male lead, "But if you can play the male lead-"

Jasmine was interrupted by Barry before she could finish her sentence, "Jasmine, I really don't like being an actor. I don't feel happy even if I'm the male lead."

Jasmine gave up her persuasion. She also suddenly noticed that Barry was very independent and firm in his stance even though he was very young.

He knew exactly what he wanted, so he was not attached to the fame and money of the show business.

"Okay, since your mind is made up, then I will officially reject the drama with the director." Jasmine chose to respect Barry's decision.

When she called the director again, Jasmine still gave a reply that he would withdraw. The director felt sorry but could not do anything about it, but in his heart, he felt that Barry was really a young and impulsive person. Others flocked to get the male lead, but he said he did not want it. Wasn't he stupid?

At the end of the afternoon, Hathaway showed up at Jasmine's office with Gina, Carl, and Cynthia to prepare for the opening of Cynthia's studio.

It was actually Carl who was busy himself in the preparation.

Cynthia and Hathaway brought Gina in the stroller to Jasmine's studio for tea and conversation, just as Jasmine finished her day's work and was able to spend time with them. The baby girl lying in the stroller was just a few months old and was so cute.

Jasmine wanted to hold the baby herself, but the baby was too small for her to do so, so she had to bend down on the stroller and tease her.

The baby girl was very obedient, lying in the stroller without crying or making a fuss, looking at them chatting with beautiful eyes similar to Hathaway's.

Hathaway said that Gina who was quiet was like Leon. Because according to Paul, Hathaway was a very rowdy girl, and they were all worried about her. Mrs. Taylor had looked after Kenny and Ashley, but they were not as difficult as she was.

Hathaway felt that she was a devil when she was a child, but now her daughter was an angel.

Hathaway saw that Jasmine was very fond of Gina, and put in a good word for her former assistant Barry, "Jasmine, since you like children so much, hurry up and find someone to marry and have one of your own."

Jasmine laughed, "I need to find someone to marry and have kids with."

Then she said, "Besides, ordinary people can't give birth to such a pretty baby as Gina."

Hathaway smilingly said, "You can marry a handsome guy. You're pretty, and you'll give birth to a beautiful baby if you marry a handsome guy."

Hathaway didn't talk about men but hinted at Barry.

To be honest, Hathaway was worried about Barry. It had been so long and she had a baby while Barry and Jasmine made little headway with their relationship. Barry was so patient.

Indeed, because of Hathaway's words, Barry's face came to Jasmine's mind for the first time. But she soon abandoned the idea and looked at Hathaway. She always felt that... Hathaway seemed to know a lot of Barry's secrets.

Barry came back at this time.

Hathaway was surprised to see Barry in formal wear, "You're dressed like this...?"

Barry looked at Jasmine and said, "Didn't Jasmine tell you?"

Jasmine replied, "I haven't had a chance to tell her yet."

Hathaway had been talking about the baby since they arrived, and hadn't had a chance to mention that she and Barry were starting a company together.

Hathaway blinked after hearing it and said to Barry, "Barry, congratulations."

Hathaway's congratulations could be profound. She congratulated Barry on getting married so soon.

#### CHAPTER 747 HER PASSIONATE FUTURE MOTHER-IN-LAW

Barry, of course, took the hint of what Hathaway was saying, and in case Jasmine would pick up on it, he coughed and said, "Thank you for the blessing."

Then he went over to see the baby girl in the stroller. Barry had not seen the baby since he saw her at the celebration for her first month's birthday party, and he had not expected the baby girl to grow up soon. Seeing that she was lying there in a beautiful little dress, his heart melted.

He wanted to have a daughter.

With this in his mind, he inadvertently glanced at Jasmine, but Jasmine did not look at him and did not notice the way he looked at her when she was chatting with Cynthia with a smile on her face.

Hathaway saw his expression and winked at him. They left the office on the pretext of discussing business, while Cynthia and Jasmine stayed in the studio to look after the baby and chat.

Jasmine liked talking with Cynthia, whose calmness and liberality made Jasmine calm down whenever Jasmine talked with her.

Hathaway and Barry went to Cynthia's studio, where Carl was busy with the staff invited to prepare for the opening ceremony. Hathaway and Barry went to Cynthia's office.

Hathaway smiled and said to Barry, "You're really something. You're starting a company with Jasmine?"

Barry shrugged, "I can take advantage of it by being closer to her. We run a joint business, and with me by her side, she won't have any other men who are interested in her around her."

Although Jasmine divorced, she was only twenty-eight years old, and women at that age were appealing to men. Jasmine was calm with a comfortable temperament. When the storm of her divorce died down, there would be plenty of men after her.

No matter whether he won Jasmine's heart or not, at least he could keep the men away from her.

Hathaway asked him again, "How far have you gotten?"

Barry thought about it and told Hathaway about their kiss last night.

Hathaway laughed and teased Barry, "Do you trust me enough to tell me things like this?"

"I do." Barry nodded seriously, "I believe in your emotional intelligence and ability since you marry President Davis who's a gorgeous dream lover in South City."

Leon used to be the coolest, most unfeeling man in South City.

But what about Leon now? He doted not only on his wife but also on his daughter to be exact.

Leon's changes were entirely due to Hathaway, so Barry believed Hathaway was a genius manipulator.

Hathaway said with a smile, "Is that a compliment or a teasing?"

Barry seriously responded, "Of course it's a compliment."

"In fact, it vexes Jasmine most that she's divorced. She rejects not only you but also any other man." Hathaway pertinently analyzed what Jasmine had in her mind, and then solemnly said to Barry, "Because she was hurt due to her last relationship."

Barry looked serious for a few moments, "I know. That's why I've been very patient."

Because he knew she was hurt, he patiently stayed by her side as a friend and waited for her to heal and to bare her soul again.

Hathaway shook her head, "You can't be patient all the time. Make the first move when you should."

Barry humbly sought advice from Hathaway, "What should I do?"

"In fact, it is not necessary for you to directly confess how much you love her. I think you can... set the stage for her relationship with your mother first?" Hathaway tentatively proposed, and then added, "After all, your mom Rosetta is popular, and Rose Group is too famous. Since you want to spend the rest of your life with her, you will certainly have to tell her your family background. So why not pave the way now? In that way, she will not be too shocked when she learns the truth."

"Of course you can't let her know that Rosetta is your mother at present. I mean simply to let them get along." Hathaway said, "My mom is opening her studio in a few days. She is a designer and I have cooperated with Rose Group many times. You can invite your mother to attend the opening ceremony in our name, and then you can find an excuse and ask Jasmine to help receive your mother."

Jasmine was ashamed that she was divorced, and she was afraid that Barry's family would disapprove of her. Even though Barry had told her that his mother approved of their relationship, Jasmine couldn't believe it.

So instead of just talking about it, he wanted Jasmine to meet Rosetta and to feel how much Rosetta liked her.

Therefore, when Barry's birth was made public later, Jasmine would not have to worry about his family's disapproval.

Barry thought Hathaway's idea was a good one. His efforts alone would not do. It was time for Rosetta to do her part.

"Then please give my mother an invitation," Barry said this in recognition of Hathaway's proposal.

Hathaway smiled and said, "We're going to invite your mom even if it's not to help you go after Jasmine."

Rosetta was one of the biggest names in the clothing industry in South City, and Cynthia was a famous fashion designer. When Cynthia's studio moved to South City, she would have to work with Rosetta.

Hathaway had an idea to get Rosetta and Jasmine to bond, even though Jasmine didn't know that Rosetta was Barry's mother.

At the end of their conversation, Hathaway checked the time, and it was time for her to go home.

Otherwise, Leon would have to call her when he didn't see Gina. Gina was Leon's baby girl. Leon wished he could see her every second.

She was too happy to be jealous of Leon's love for their daughter. Leon loved Gina and doted on her at the same time, so she didn't have anything to be jealous of.

A few days later Cynthia's studio had its grand opening, and many people were invited to attend the opening ceremony.

Some showed up because of Cynthia's reputation or Carl, while others were here because of Albert and Leon. The opening ceremony was very grand.

When the group went to the hotel by car for lunch, Hathaway came over and asked Jasmine, who was also attending the ceremony, "Jasmine, there was a mistake in arranging a car. There was no car to pick up Rosetta. Could you please give Rosetta a ride to the hotel?"

Of course, Jasmine wouldn't refuse to help, but she got nervous, "Rosetta Lee?"

She knew that Rosetta was the most famous businesswoman in South City, and her story of making a fortune was extremely inspiring. She was the goal of all career-minded women. Jasmine was no exception and one of Rosetta's biggest fans. So when Hathaway asked her to drive Rosetta to the hotel, she got nervous.

Hathaway saw her nervousness and laughed softly, "Although Rosetta looks like she's not to be messed with, she's very approachable. So don't be nervous."

Then she said, "If you're too nervous to drive, ask Barry to drive for you and you can go with Rosetta. We're stuck."

Hathaway just let Barry and Jasmine get along for a while. Jasmine thought about it and felt that she could accept the arrangement.

Rosetta was the backbone of South City's economy. She couldn't afford to be held responsible if something went wrong with her shaky driving and Rosetta got hurt.

So Barry was assigned as their driver, and when Barry went to pick up the car, Jasmine went to invite Rosetta to share a car with her, her palms sweaty.

Although Jasmine had seen Rosetta when the guests arrived, that was from a distance. Jasmine felt uneasy about inviting her up close and personal.

Rosetta was in her early fifties this year and had a chubby figure. Although she was not as slim and slender as Cynthia but was also in relatively better shape among her peers.

Her unisex suit and short hair matched her businesswoman demeanor.

Rosetta's aura and temperament were intimidating, and people felt she was difficult to get along with at first glance.

But in fact, Rosetta was the most philosophical and frank. Those terrible and serious appearance images were deliberately created by her to deter others.

Otherwise, how else was she supposed to keep everything under control as a woman? She faked it for the first few years, but over the years, it had become a part of her.

However, Rosetta was outgoing and approachable, especially around Jasmine.

Barry had talked to Rosetta about this in advance, and he wanted to use it as an opportunity for her to bond with Jasmine. Rosetta was certainly willing to do this. She looked forward to it and promised to do her best to impress Jasmine. Barry was amused by Rosetta's words.

At this point, Rosetta, facing Jasmine's formal invitation, warmly and affectionately shook her hand and said with a smile, "Alright, I'll take your car to the hotel."

Jasmine didn't expect Rosetta to be so gracious and was slightly relieved.

But when she stopped being nervous, she became embarrassed because Rosetta kept holding her hand and wouldn't let go of it. She was just holding Jasmine's hand while walking and talking to her as she was looking at Jasmine with affection in her eyes.

Jasmine was confused. She wondered why Rosetta would be so warm and gentle to a little-known agent like her.

#### CHAPTER 748 DOES SHE FLATTER HERSELF

They went downstairs like that. Barry had parked the car in front of the door, and seeing Rosetta enthusiastically holding Jasmine's hand, Barry had a headache. He knew that Rosetta would be so enthusiastic that she would forget herself. Looking at Jasmine's expression, he knew Rosetta indeed forgot herself.

"President Lee, how do you do? I'm Barry White. You can call me Barry." He came up to Rosetta and held out his hand to introduce himself, freeing Jasmine's hand from Rosetta's.

After being interrupted by him, Rosetta finally came back to her senses and realized that she had been holding Jasmine's hand all the way.

She said to Jasmine, "I'm sorry Jasmine. I take a fancy to you as a gentle and liberal girl, so I couldn't help

but hold your hand and say a few more words."

Rosetta called her "Jasmine" and Jasmine was so flattered that she said, "It's my pleasure."

Jasmine didn't expect Rosetta to like her so much. Rosetta was one of the most powerful women in South City, but she liked Jasmine so much that Jasmine couldn't believe it.

Rosetta had only met her once. She wondered why Rosetta thought of her as gentle and liberal.

Jasmine thought there was something strange, but she had no time to dwell on it.

Rosetta sat in the back seat with Jasmine. She looked at Barry driving in front of her and said, "Barry, my son is about the same age as you."

Barry seemed surprised, "Oh? Really?"

Jasmine was also surprised. Although Rosetta was an exceptional woman in South City, her family situation was almost unknown to the public. Rosetta did not allow Barry to appear in public because Barry was once kidnapped in his childhood.

So people at Jasmine's age had very little idea that Rosetta had a son, much less that Rosetta's son was almost Barry's age.

Rosetta looked at Jasmine and said, "I'm a bit chubby and average-looking, but my son is good-looking and in great shape."

Jasmine smiled awkwardly with courtesy. It was understandable for mothers to compliment their sons on their good looks, but she was quite open-minded to compliment her son on his great shape.

Barry was calm. He was known for his good shape. After all, he was a model. So Rosetta's boast about his figure was not an exaggeration, but the truth.

"Jasmine, do you have a boyfriend?" Just as Jasmine was surprised at Rosetta's open-mindedness, Rosetta suddenly asked her.

Jasmine shook her head in confusion, "No."

Rosetta suddenly looked at her smilingly with narrowed eyes and said, "Would you be interested in getting to know my son?"

Jasmine, "..."

Barry, "..."



Jasmine was speechless because she hadn't expected Rosetta to say anything like that and was in a daze.

Barry was speechless because they didn't rehearse such lines. He was very apprehensive. What if Jasmine agreed to meet him?

He was quickly exposed, and it was not the time to tell Jasmine who he really was. Barry was very nervous.

Fortunately, Jasmine politely declined Rosetta's offer, "President Lee, you just said your son is as old as Barry, so I must be a few years older than him..."

Jasmine thought that Rosetta would give up if she said she was older than her son.

Rosetta shrugged it off, "So what? As long as they love each other, it doesn't matter his girlfriend is several years older than him. Even if she's more than a decade older, I will be all for them to be together as long as they are in love."

Jasmine was once again speechless and looked embarrassed at Rosetta.

She didn't expect Rosetta to be so open-minded about relationships. She noticed Rosetta's attitude toward emotional issues was very similar to what Barry had told her about his mother.

With the doubt in mind, Jasmine looked up at Barry in front of her, and somehow she realized that... Barry's profile resembled Rosetta's.

But she put that idea to rest because she could never imagine Barry being Rosetta's son.

Rosetta was the richest woman in South City, and if Barry was her son, then he was the future heir to the Rose Group and the youngest master of the group.

That was incredible!

So Jasmine chose to dismiss her thoughts.

But after coming back to her senses, she smiled politely at Rosetta, "President Lee, thank you for your kindness. I really..."

Jasmine bit back the words that Rosetta's son was out of her league.

Rosetta did not continue to force her to do anything, just smiled and said, "It's okay. It's fine. You don't have to feel sorry. I'm just worried about my son's marriage when he reaches marriageable age. So I want to introduce him to a nice girl like you."

Then without waiting for Jasmine to say anything, Rosetta approached her and said, "But my son is really good. He is handsome. Well, that doesn't really matter. The most important thing for a man is to be moral."

"A gentle, considerate, filial boy will be a good husband." Rosetta added, "A man's maturity has nothing to do with his age. Some men are old and not sensible, while others are young but can take good care of women."

After hearing Rosetta's words, Jasmine once again couldn't help but glance at Barry, only to see him driving intently with a handsome, charming profile.

If these words were spoken by someone else to Jasmine, Jasmine would not have been touched. But now the person who said these words to her was Rosetta, a figure of such authority and power, Jasmine could not have been touched at all.

And once she was touched, she began to think about her relationship with Barry.

She always preconceived to treat Barry as a junior who needed her care and attention, but in fact, when she thought about a lot of time with Barry, it was Barry who always protected her...

When Barry glanced in the rearview mirror at Jasmine, who was thinking in the back seat, he was pleased.

Rosetta was really a great helper. What she said made Jasmine dwell on it.

They arrived at the hotel in a short while. Barry dropped them off and went to park the car. Jasmine entered the banquet hall with Rosetta. Rosetta was very warm to her, and Jasmine was always accompanied by Rosetta throughout the party.

It was also a way for Rosetta to bond with Jasmine, and Rosetta got to know her better.

At first, she didn't object to Barry being with Jasmine because Barry was into Jasmine, but now she didn't object because of Jasmine herself.

It didn't take Rosetta a long time to figure out Jasmine's character since she had been working in the tough business world for so many years. Rosetta loved the way she spoke and the way she handled things.

Rose Group covered a large business, so the future president's wife must not be a soft touch while she must not be spoiled and unused to hardship.

Jasmine's gentleness, calmness, and what she suffered were sufficient for this identity.

Rosetta was relieved to have Jasmine by Barry's side in the future.

She was pleased with and fond of Jasmine after the party.

When she left, she asked for Jasmine's phone number and said that she would invite Jasmine to her home someday and to the Rose Group. And Jasmine agreed.

Jasmine thought that Rosetta, a big shot, would not really invite her as a guest because she was an unknown agent, and it was only a courtesy.

Hathaway and Cynthia saw Rosetta off at the entrance of the hotel. After Rosetta's car drove away, Hathaway couldn't help but sigh, "I didn't expect Rosetta to be so approachable and kind."

Hathaway had never met Rosetta. Barry had been her assistant for a period of time and she had heard of Rosetta's name. Hathaway never met Rosetta even though she was offered a job as a designer under the name Rose Group at Barry's suggestion when she was told that she was not Miss Taylor and was in pain.

Hathaway, like Jasmine, had felt that Rosetta must be intimidating and difficult. After they met her, they were amazed that no wonder Barry had such a nice personality when Rosetta shared the same characters.

Hathaway was happy for Jasmine when she was amazed by this. Rosetta was so easy to get along with. If Jasmine was in a relationship with Barry, she wouldn't be picked on.

Hathaway, who had a difficult mother-in-law, knew the value of having a good one.

After seeing off Rosetta, it was time for Jasmine to leave, and Barry said, "Jasmine, shall we leave together?"

Jasmine looked at him and then nodded, "Alright."

Anyway, she took Barry's car and didn't drive herself. If she went back with Barry, it was not out of Barry's way.

On the way back to the studio, Jasmine thought about what Rosetta said and Barry driving beside her, and somehow felt awkward. She always thought Rosetta was talking about her and Barry. Did she flatter herself?

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They had just arrived at the studio and parked the car when Jasmine's cell phone rang.

Jasmine looked at the number, frowned, and did not answer the call at once.

Barry turned sideways and saw the number on her phone screen. The number Barry was familiar with

was from Roman, Jasmine's former boss.

When Jasmine was first kicked out of the company by Roman and was driven into a corner, Barry got Roman's phone number and was so angry that he wanted to call Roman several times to scold him or to settle the score with him.

But then he calmed down because he knew that force could not solve any problem.

Now, it was Roman's comeuppance.

Barry smiled and chuckled at his discomfiture inwardly.

Roman called Jasmine just for the boy band and the young actress to terminate their contract.

The young actress and the boy band mentioned the termination of the contract. Even if they hadn't told Roman or anyone else which company they were going to sign with, Roman knew they were coming to Jasmine.

After all, before Jasmine was kicked out of the company, she got along very well with the boy band and the young actress. As their manager, Jasmine treated them like younger siblings, took care of them with consideration, and did everything for their goods.

The boy band and the young actresses were just starting out, and they were uneasy and hesitated about which way to go. Jasmine gave them warmth and protected them, and of course, their relationship with Jasmine was very strong.

Obviously Roman knew that Jasmine had a strong bond with them, so he guessed that they wanted to sign with Jasmine's company.

Without Jennie joining Jasmine's studio, Roman would never pay any more attention to Jasmine. But Jennie, the big star, somehow lowered her value when she signed with Jasmine's studio.

Roman was trying to get Jennie to join him when he learned she was going to drop Tam. But Roman was shocked when Jennie announced that she signed a contract with Jasmine.

Not to mention Roman, several big entertainment agencies in the industry were shocked.

The people had been inquiring about who Jasmine was and how she was able to sign Jennie.

And when they learned that Jasmine came from Roman's company and was fired by Roman, people in the industry looked down upon Roman. Roman knew most of them were laughing at him.

He fired Jasmine, who then quietly signed Jennie, the popular star of the entertainment industry. Wasn't it a slap in his face?

Because of Jennie, Roman utterly detested Jasmine.

Now that the boy band and young actresses were leaving, Roman hated Jasmine even more.

Jennie signed up for Jasmine, so the boy band and young actress would certainly sign up for Jasmine, not to mention they had a strong relationship with her.

So after several attempts to keep them stay failed, Roman started targeting Jasmine, and that led to this phone call to Jasmine.

Jasmine, of course, guessed Roman's intention to call her at once, which was why she frowned.

But she was a decent sort of woman, not doing anything mean behind his back, and wasn't afraid when Roman called her.

Jennie, the boy band, and the young actress, all came to join her company on their own. She didn't secretly draw them over to her side.

And since they approached her, she had no reason not to seize such an opportunity to bring about an upswing. There was no one in this world who did not desire success or a better life, and Jasmine was certainly no exception.

She was not Roman, who fired her without any respect for her years of hard work at the company when he was paid by her ex-husband Caleb and Patty.

Roman was sinister and mean when he hurt her, but Jasmine didn't do anything mean to Roman.

So Jasmine decided to answer the call after consideration, and she glanced at Barry, who nodded at her, signaling her to answer it.

So Jasmine sat down in her seat and calmly answered Roman's call.

Roman was nearly fifty years old and should be a man who had seen much of life and kept his equanimity. But now when he opened his mouth, his tone was sarcastic, "Jasmine, you're having the time of your life lately."

Jasmine smiled politely, "President Leger, what do you mean by that?"

Roman sneered, "You signed the popular star Jennie, and now you have designs on my most popular boy band and Bertha and get your own way. You're really something."

Bertha was a young actress. Roman directly mentioned this, revealing his irritating emotions.

Jasmine laughed coldly, "President Leger, you're not getting it properly, are you? The boy band and Bertha signed in with me voluntarily. I consider myself aboveboard and have never done anything sinister or despicable. President Leger, you measure my corn by your bushel."

Jasmine pulled no punches. She was mocking Roman both explicitly and implicitly.

That was the harshest thing she had said to Roman since she met him. When she worked for Roman, she always spoke to him with respect and dignity. Even though Roman fired her, she never said anything like that to him.

But now it was obvious that Roman provoked her first, and she was no longer a rookie after suffering much.

Most importantly, Jasmine thought that since she opened a company with Barry and wanted to make it big, it was inevitable that she would face Roman head-on, so instead of confronting him later, she should let Roman realize now that she was no slouch.

Roman was so angry when he was refuted. He laughed and gnashed his teeth, "Well, Jasmine, it looks like the pups have grown fangs."

Jasmine faked a smile, "I owe it to you that I am where I am."

Roman was lost for words again.

Seeing that his mockery didn't make Jasmine back down, Roman started to say something harsh, "I advise you not to sign the boy band and Bertha. I have been in this industry for so many years."

The implication was that if Jasmine dared to sign them, he would give Jasmine a hard time.

Roman also despised Jasmine, "You can only manage Jennie. Aren't you afraid that the boy band and Bertha will be ruined by you? And can you afford to have their fans curse you?"

Jasmine smiled, "President Leger, thank you for your kindness. I am indeed not capable enough, but I believe that my potential is unlimited. The stronger they are, the more competent I will be. I don't care if I will be cursed or not. Since I chose to become an agent, I am mentally prepared for it."

Jasmine's response was flawless. Roman did not manage to force Jasmine to give up the boy band and Bertha with the stick and the carrot, so he was so angry that he just hung up the phone.

Roman didn't expect Jasmine to become so difficult after not seeing her for so long. He always thought that Jasmine was very nice and easygoing, and because of this, he felt that Jasmine was a pushover. So he kicked Jasmine out of the company without hesitation after being paid by Caleb and Patty.

But if Jasmine was difficult to deal with, he did not dare to be that ruthless. And when Jasmine did not

bother or question him, he was more reassured.

He would not have thought that he would pay the price doubly for his bullying of Jasmine one day.

For example, if the boy band and Bertha were gone, his company would be drained of most of its talents, and the most humiliating thing for him was that the boy band and Bertha were leaving of their own accord. He knew that Jasmine didn't draw them over to her side behind his back.

He was even more annoyed because of this.

After hanging up the phone, Jasmine took several deep breaths before calming down her tense emotions.

She wanted to move around a bit but suddenly found that... her left hand was held firmly in Barry's palm for some time.

Jasmine hastily drew back her hand in embarrassment, not knowing when it was held and how long it had been held.

Barry explained to her gently and innocently, "I saw you were nervous when you answered Roman's phone, but I couldn't do anything for you. So I thought I'd give you some strength in this way."

Jasmine, "..."

So he held her hand?

Why did she get the impression that he wanted to hold her hand on the pretext of this?

She was really nervous about having a heated dispute with Roman, and she was so focused on it that she didn't notice Barry holding her hand...

When she thought of her hand being held by Barry during the entire conversation, Jasmine felt her face burning.

She glared at Barry and said through clenched teeth, "Don't do that again. It's not appropriate."

Then she hurriedly pushed open the car door and got out. She went straight to the office building with her handbag.

Barry remained in the car and watched her fleeing away, smiling cunningly.

He really did take the opportunity to shake her hand on purpose, and he also sincerely wanted to give her warmth and strength so that she could have the confidence and feel more secure when fighting with Roman.

When the new company was all set, she would no longer have to deal with Roman and he would take care of them before they even bothered her.

He hoped that he could protect her and let her live a peaceful and comfortable life.

After getting out of the car, he called Rosetta, and before he could say anything on the phone, Rosetta spoke up first, "How was it? Did I do well today?"

Rosetta, of course, was referring to her performance in front of Jasmine, and Barry smiled and nodded, "It was great. It was great."

After complimenting Rosetta, Barry added, "But should we just stick to the prearranged words? I'm worried when you don't follow the rules."

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Barry referred to Rosetta's abrupt offer to introduce her son to Jasmine, for which his heart jumped into his mouth.

Rosetta was dismissive, "It's no fun to do everything the way it's supposed to be done. Life is all about innovation and challenges."

Barry, "..."

After taking a deep breath, he said helplessly, "My dear mother, you are not running a business that needs innovation and challenges. This is about my happiness. Let's do it steadily, okay?"

Barry knew that his mother's passion for innovation and challenge was the reason why the Rose Group had been thriving for so many years. But when it came to pursuing Jasmine, Barry felt that he could not withstand any innovation or challenge, because he might push Jasmine further and further away if something went wrong.

He had a hard time getting to where he was with Jasmine and couldn't afford to lose her.

Rosetta could hear the tension in his tone and smiled as she compromised, "Okay, okay, I'll do whatever you want from now on."

Then she sighed and said, "I haven't seen Jasmine before, and I don't have any special feelings about how far you have gotten. But after I met Jasmine today, I suddenly got anxious to get you married and to have children."

Barry, "..."



Rosetta was too anxious, wasn't she? She even wanted them to have a baby.

He coughed lightly and reminded her, "You're in too much of a hurry, aren't you? Besides, I'm still young. Jasmine is a few years older than me, but she's still young. It's really scary that you're in a hurry to have grandchildren."

Rosetta grunted on the other end, "Come on, all mothers long for this."

Barry was helpless, "You used to let it be, didn't you?"

When he didn't fall in love with Jasmine, he talked to Rosetta about his marriage and children.

Rosetta said calmly at that time that she was not in any hurry and would not rush him because he was still young anyway. But now she instantly changed her mind and rushed him to get married and to have children.

Rosetta said seriously, "I wasn't in a hurry before because I hadn't met Jasmine, but I met her today and I think she's the one you should love and cherish."

If a girl kept her enthusiasm for life at all times and was strong with perseverance in difficult times, was humble and low-key in favorable circumstances, she was definitely a good girl.

Rosetta felt that her son should hold on to such a good girl.

So she reminded her son, "Didn't you also say that she is young? So naturally, there are a lot of people chasing after her. If you don't hurry up, what if someone else wins her heart?"

Rosetta's words alerted Barry who gritted his teeth and whispered, "Got it, I'll hurry up."

Barry talked to Rosetta all the way to Jasmine's studio, and then they hung up. Jasmine was working in front of the computer, and Barry swallowed his anxiety and walked calmly over to her.

Jasmine was working on her computer, but she wasn't really thinking about her work. She was thinking about Barry holding her hand.

She didn't know what was wrong with her. She had been in love before, but how could she even be concerned about such trivial things?

Barry stood in front of her desk, his tall figure casting a shadow in front of Jasmine.

Jasmine looked back up at him and Barry said, "Let's talk about Roman?"

Jasmine nodded, "Okay."

Then they moved to the sofa in the reception room. Barry poured himself a glass of water and then refilled Jasmine's thermos and handed it to her.

Barry started, "I think you're having a good time disliking Roman today."

God knew how much anger Barry bottled up in his heart towards Roman. From the moment he learned that Roman had taken Caleb's money and kicked Jasmine out of the company, he had been disgusted with Roman to the core.

He was worried that if Jasmine was still being bullied by Roman and didn't fight back, he would take the call over and scold Roman himself. But he didn't expect Jasmine to fight back powerfully, and Roman was furious at the end.

Jasmine laughed and confessed her feelings, "I also feel very relieved."

The reason she didn't have any negative feelings towards Roman in the past was that she always had a trace of gratitude towards him in her heart. After all, he was the one who brought her into the industry.

But now her gratitude for Roman had long since dissipated with Roman's ruthlessness and bullying of her.

Barry was pleased with Jasmine's performance, "I was worried you were being bullied by him."

"No." Jasmine shook her head and then gave him a reassuring smile, "I used to operate on the principle of being nice to people, and then I realized some people weren't worth it. So I won't be so stupid anymore. If someone bullies me, I will fight back hard."

It was said that life was the best teacher, and Jasmine knew this very well. The tears she shed during those years when she was bullied and hurt were the best lessons.

Whether it was her ex-husband Caleb, her former best friend Patty, or her former boss Roman, each of them taught her a lesson about how to be a good judge of character.

It didn't matter if one couldn't distinguish the good from the bad when he was young, as long as he could know it well for the rest of his life.

After Jasmine finished, she asked Barry, "What do you think we should do about Roman?"

With her turning against Roman today, she and Roman should completely feud with each other. They should always guard against Roman giving them hard times.

And now that she and Barry were partners, Jasmine had to listen to Barry's opinion.

Barry regained his composure from the heartache he felt for her, looked at her, and spoke firmly, "My attitude is the same as yours. Let's turn against Roman and confront him head-on."

Roman had a problem with Jasmine, otherwise, he wouldn't have called Jasmine to question her. So why not just fight him?

In Barry's opinion, Roman and his company were close to collapse. They had nothing to be afraid of while the company Jasmine started with him was flourishing. It was only a matter of time before Roman's company was swallowed up.

And this was also the lesson Barry had been trying to teach Roman so that Roman would taste the pain of being trampled on and having nothing at all, just as he did to Jasmine back then.

Jasmine became more determined, "Okay, then we'll fight him."

Jasmine signed with so many popular stars at the moment that she was not afraid to fight with Roman.

Jasmine knew exactly what was going on with Roman. Once the boy band left with Bertha, there would be few famous artists in his company. Jasmine didn't even have to fight him with Jennie, the boy band, or Bertha, or any of the other artists who joined her later. Ashley whom Jasmine cultured herself was enough to give Roman a headache.

When Ashley's next two dramas were aired, she would be a big hit.

Ashley now had Hathaway as her stylist and her fashion sense greatly improved. Jasmine planned to offer Ashley all of the fashion endorsements from the artists in Roman's company, and those brands would be more than happy to partner with Ashley, who was on the rise.

Of course, to put it nicely, it was a competition, but to put it mildly, she was stealing these ads.

Jasmine didn't think there was anything wrong with doing this. In the entertainment industry, to put it bluntly, everyone was fighting for all kinds of resources, roles, endorsements, and advertising, and publicity. It was just that she always played fair. But when it came to Roman, Jasmine didn't think it was too much to be shameless.

After all, even if she didn't do so, Roman would make the despicable move before her.

She told Barry about her idea, and Barry gave her a thumbs up and laughed, "Let's see how Roman cries then."

The implication was that he was all for Jasmine's mean idea.

In fact, even if Jasmine did not take the initiative to snatch the resources away, those endorsements would also come to her by the time Ashley was popular. Jasmine only needed to decide whether she

would take it or not.

But what they didn't expect was that before they could strike, Roman made the first despicable move.

They were still late from work that day, and they worked until midnight almost every day for the new company before going home.

In fact, they lived next door and they could have gone home and continued to discuss. But Jasmine didn't want to be alone with Barry at home in the middle of the night. So she chose to stay at the studio and work overtime, thinking that they would be just working.

They took the elevator to the underground parking lot, and before they got to the car, they saw a few big fellows rushing out of the dark. All of them looked fierce, and some were holding baseball bats.

Jasmine's face was pale because it was very late and there were few cars in the parking lot. No one was there except them.

Their cars were not parked next to each other. Barry rushed to Jasmine and pulled her behind him to protect her as soon as the big fellows rushed out.

Several big fellows slowly surrounded them in the empty parking lot.

Jasmine, shielded by Barry's tall figure, calmed down and looked at the men, and said, "What do you want to do?"

One of them sneered, "What can we do? I've been sent to teach you a lesson."

Jasmine and Barry both figured out that it was Roman behind this before the big guy revealed anything.

Barry flexed the muscles and looked at them coolly, "Do you think... you can teach us a lesson?"

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